



United States Department of Agriculture  
Food and Nutrition Service  
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Dear Software Industry Executive:

The Food and Consumer Service will test and evaluate all software that will be used by schools participating in the Nutrient Standard Menu Planning Demonstration Project. The software must perform the minimum functions outlined in the School Food Service Software System Specifications and Functional Requirements document. The software will also include the National Nutrient Database for Child Nutrition Programs.

The USDA Food and Consumer Service (FCS) and Agricultural Research Service (ARS) have developed the School Food Service Software System Specifications (SFSSS) and Functional Requirements document and the file structure and sample data for the National Nutrient Database for Child Nutrition Programs (NND-CNP); these documents are enclosed.

Your company will be able to access the National Nutrient Database for Child Nutrition Programs (NND-CNP) through the Nutrient Data Bank Bulletin Board operated by the Agricultural Research Service. For your assistance, they provide a fact sheet and a phone number (301-734-3536). The filename for the database is cndb2.exe. The file can be downloaded from the bulletin board at the dos prompt or the menu (special announcement option).

The criteria used to evaluate your company's School Food Service Software System was also developed by the USDA; the criteria used parallels the specifications outlined in the SFSSS document.

In our efforts to test and evaluate the software packages as expeditiously as possible we ask that you return the enclosed form to this office.

If any further information is required regarding the SFSSS, please contact Renee Prioleau at (703) 305-2556. If information is required regarding the file structures or sample data, please contact Nancy Raper at (301) 734-5625.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

Note: This document is document #4 in the packet sent to software developers by FNS. The original letter was signed by Cynthia H. Ford. Word version of this document was created November 2007. The name of the National Nutrient Database for Child Nutrition Programs (NND-CNP or NND-CNP) was changed to the Child Nutrition Database (CN Database).